(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some cable TV networks show Pakistani TV programmes which are available on Asias at Satellite. These are entertainment programmes such as drams.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The programmes shown on foreign satellite channels are not governed by the law of this country.

Production of Film on Sardar Patel

298. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have granted any financial help to a movie on the life of Sardar Patel.

(b) whether Government have gratned any financial help to a film on Gandhi and not on Sardar Patel; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the discrimination made by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) Government provided financial assistance for production of a film on Gandhiji by Sir Richard Attenborough through the National Film Development Corporation. However, the National Film Development Corporation Ltd., which among other things, provides financial assistance for production of films, did not receive any application for grant of financial assistance for production of a film on Sardar Patel. It may be added that a film on Sardar Patel has recently been made by the Foundation for Filmson India's War of Independence.

Autonomous agency for AIR and Doordarshan

299. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the recent Supreme Court judgement directing the Centre to set up an autonomous public agency to facilitate the independent functioning of All India Radio and Doordarshan;

(b) if so, its reaction thereto;

(c) what decision had been taken by Government on the recommendations of the Cabinet Committee that examined the issue of privatising Doordarshan and All India Radio: and

(d) in what manner Government propose to move in the matter of restructuring the electronic media?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The judgement of the Supreme Court in the case of Union of India versus Cricket Association of Bengal dated 9-2-95 is under examination of the Government.

(c) There is no proposal to privatise Doordarshan and All India Radio. No final decision has been taken regarding grant of permission to private agencies to set up radio/television stations.

(d) There are a number of alternatives and no decision has been taken on the one to be adopted.